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The so-called "D" battalion of the Volkspolizei motorized rifle regiment at Rostock has been engaged for several days in practice marches and combat training with T-34 type tanks on the grounds of the new race course and in Barnstorf Forest. The exercises are conducted usually in platoon formation, less often in company formation. A moving column will suddenly go into formation, take cover, and open fire on an approaching enemy. Emphasis in these exercises is placed on speed of execution. Soviet officers have been seen accompanying the columns on several days. A large exercise, with an armored company and three companies of infantry, was held on 13 February. These are the first exercises of the kind to be observed in the area.

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